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Sir:

Preliminary to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A network coupling device for coupling a data home network to a local area network, the network coupling device comprising:

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functional components operating on a physical layer of an open system interconnect (OSI) reference model, including: